

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a communication with Eric L. Maschoff on July 17, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIMS

- **Claim 18** – Please CANCEL this claim.
- **Claims 1-17 and 19-23** – Please DELETE these claims and REPLACE with the following:

“1. An image capturing apparatus comprising:
a housing;
a laser source at the housing capable of generating a laser beam;
a first lens at the housing capable of diverging the laser beam;
a mask capable of masking the laser beam diverged by the first lens to form a laser-framing viewfinder;
a camera lens at the housing capable of capturing an object in the laser-framing viewfinder;
an optical viewfinder capable of receiving light to view the object being image captured; and
a second lens set at the housing, both the first lens and the second lens set capable of moving relative to the housing and being independently aligned with the optical viewfinder.”

“2. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a reflector capable of reflecting the laser beam generated by the laser source.”

“3. The image capturing apparatus of claim 2 wherein the reflector comprises a plane mirror capable of being adjusted.”

“4. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a main body and a sliding set on the main body, and the laser source and the first lens are on the main body and the sliding set respectively.”

“5. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising two optical viewfinder ports capable of receiving light to view the object being image captured.”

“6. The image capturing apparatus of claim 5 wherein the second lens is on a sliding set capable of sliding to a position between the two optical viewfinder ports.”

“7. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 wherein the second lens set comprises a plano-concave lens and a convexo-concave lens.”

“8. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 wherein the framing mask comprises shading material.”

“9. The image capturing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a connecting port capable of outputting image data.”

“10. The image capturing apparatus of claim 9 wherein the connecting port conforms to the USB or the IEEE1394 standards.”

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“11. An image capturing apparatus comprising:
a housing comprising a main body and a sliding set movable relative to the main body;

a laser source on the main body capable of generating a laser beam;

a first lens on the sliding set capable of diverging the laser beam;

a framing mask capable of masking the laser beam diverged by the first lens;

an optical viewfinder comprising two viewfinder ports on the main body;

a second lens on the sliding set; and

a camera lens on the housing for capturing an object;

wherein when the sliding set is positioned at a first position relative to the main body, the first lens is capable of diverging the laser beam to the framing mask to form a laser-framing viewfinder, and the camera lens is capable of capturing the object in the laser-framing viewfinder, and

when the sliding set is in a second position relative to the main body, the second lens is positioned between the two viewfinder ports of the optical viewfinder, the optical viewfinder is capable of being used for viewing the object, and the camera lens is capable of capturing the object in the optical viewfinder.”

“12. The image capturing apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a reflector capable of being adjusted and reflecting the laser beam generated by the laser source.”

“13. The image capturing apparatus of claim 12 wherein the reflector comprises a plane mirror.”

“14. The image capturing apparatus of claim 11 wherein the framing mask comprises shading material.”

“15. The image capturing apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a connecting port capable of outputting image data.”

- “16. An image capturing apparatus, comprising:
a housing;
means for forming a laser-framing viewfinder;
means for receiving light to view an object being image captured;
means for focusing an image of the object to be viewed through the means for receiving light;
means for moving the means for focusing the image to be aligned with the means for receiving light; and
means for capturing the image.”
- “17. The image capturing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for forming the laser-framing viewfinder comprises:
means for diverging the laser beam, and
means for masking the laser beam diverged by the means for diverging.”
- “19. The image capturing apparatus of claim 17, wherein the means for masking the laser beam comprises a framing mask.”
- “20. The image capturing apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a means for reflecting the laser beam generated by the means for generating.”
- “21. The image capturing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for receiving light comprises an optical viewfinder disposed on a front and a rear portion of the housing.”
- “22. The image capturing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for focusing the image comprises a lens set disposed on a means for sliding.”
- “23. The image capturing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the means for capturing the image comprises a camera lens disposed on the housing.”

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1 – 17 and 19 – 23 (now respectively renumbered 1 – 22)** are allowed.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Justin P Misleh whose telephone number is 571.272.7313. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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